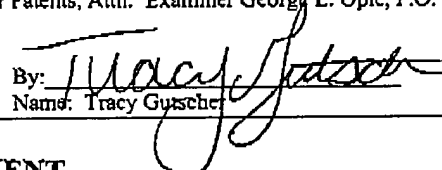


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In response to the Office Action of October 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **appendix** including a terminal disclaimer is attached following page 7 of this paper.